

E-Notes from the PGA TOUR



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- This week's Zurich Classic of New Orleans presents the last opportunity to move into the Top 10 in the FedExCup standings and qualify (if not already qualified) for THE PLAYERS Championship in two weeks. Anyone in the top 58 in the current standings could conceivably reach the Top 10 this week.
- You might want to look for a first-time winner this week in New Orleans. The last four winners of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans claimed their first PGA TOUR career title—**Tim Petrovic, Chris Couch, Nick Watney and Andres Romero.**
- **Tim Petrovic** has found the TPC Louisiana to his liking. In his three starts at the course, Petrovic has finished 1st (2005), T7 (2008) and T24 (2007).
- **Todd Hamilton** will be looking to continue his strong recent play at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. In his last two starts, Hamilton has finished T15 (Masters) and T4 at the Verizon Heritage. The T4 was his first Top-10 finish on TOUR since winning the 2004 British Open. In his last two starts, Hamilton has climbed 92 spots in the FedExCup race and is currently 84th on the list.
- **Ross Fisher** is the newest member of the PGA TOUR accepting Special Temporary Membership for the remainder of 2009. Fisher is currently ranked #33 in the Official World Golf Ranking.
- **Danny Lee**, the current U.S. Amateur champion, will make his professional debut this week at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.
- **Patrick Sheehan** will be looking to equal **Paul Stankowki's** 1996 record of winning on the Nationwide Tour one week and on the PGA TOUR the following week. Sheehan won last week's Athens Regional Foundation Classic and will tee it up in New Orleans this week.

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CHAMPIONS TOUR

- **Tom Watson and Andy North** will be looking to win their fifth consecutive team title at this week's Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf. Not only have they won four in a row, they haven't made a bogey in 162 holes. North also won a team title in 2000 and 2001 with **Jim Colbert**, so he'll be going for his seventh team crown.
- **Tom Lehman** will make his Champions Tour debut this week at the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf. Lehman will partner with **Bernhard Langer**.
- How about a little applause for 64-year old **Mike McCullough**. He finished T7 last week at the Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am for his best finish since a T4 at the 2004 Allianz Championship.
- **Doug Ford** is expected to compete this week at the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf and if he does so, he'll remain the only player to have played in all 32 events in the tournament's history.

NATIONWIDE TOUR

- It's been widely reported, but just in case you missed it, **Brendon Todd** became the first player in Nationwide Tour history to make a hole-in-one on the same hole in consecutive days at last week's Athens Regional Foundation Classic. Todd aced the 17th hole in both the first and second rounds. He made par on the hole in the final two rounds.
- The victory last week by **Brian Gay** was the 243rd on the PGA TOUR by a former Nationwide Tour player.
- The field for this week's South Georgia Classic features 31 players who have won on the PGA TOUR, including 10 who have multiple wins.
- Kinderlou Forest Golf Club, the site of this week's South Georgia Classic, is the longest course on the Nationwide Tour playing to 7,781 yards.